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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MONGOLIA

Establishment of a Computer Centre
(Phase II)(MON/75/009)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	October 1978
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (Excluding a preparatory mission in June 1978)
Planned completion date:	June 1983
To be executed by:	United Nations
Government implementing agency:	Central Statistical Board of the Mongolian People's Republic
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$2 293 500
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. A MINSK 32 computer was installed under the first phase of this project[1/] (MON/71/507). It has now been in operation for more than four years and is being used to its full capacity. It shows signs of wearing out and lacks magnetic discs for direct retrieval and storage of data. Plans of the Government to process socio-economic information, install an automated system for agriculture and registers of population, enterprises and organizations require eight to ten

1/ DP/PROJECTS/758.

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times the capacity of the present computer system. Moreover, a terminal system for the provinces which will make statistics about livestock and agro-industries easily and quickly accessible, is of vital interest considering Mongolia's vast expanses, high livestock population and lack of human resources.

2. The first phase project (MON/71/507) proved that maintenance, supply of spare parts and logistic problems had been well solved and that the use of a computer in Mongolia was feasible. UNDP assistance has now been approved for a Phase II project.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objective of the project is to further strengthen the National Computer Centre to enable it to carry out the following tasks: (a) select areas for computerization; (b) operate the data processing systems in all relevant fields; (c) store and retrieve the necessary data, maintain the equipment and keep abreast of new developments in the computer field. To this end, the project will: (a) prepare the specifications of the computer system, the teleprocessing equipment, and air-conditioning system; (b) install, test and approve the contracted equipment; (c) train the staff of the National Computer Centre in the use of the equipment; and (d) design and implement early-stage application systems.

III. Inputs

4. The UNDP contribution will include a subcontract for the purchase, delivery and installation of a third or later generation computer, provision of expert services and training of local staff. In addition, UNDP will provide non-expendable equipment and miscellaneous services.

5. The Government inputs to the project will include technical and clerical personnel plus the facilities of the existing computer centre.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval	
	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts	2	32 890[2/]	69	315 000
Subcontracts			10	1 950 000
Fellowships				15 000
Equipment				11 000
Miscellaneous				2 500
				2 293 500

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $2,254,833 (in kind).

2/ Represents expenditure for the preparatory mission carried out in June 1978.

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